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SUBJECT: U.S.-ARGENTINA MOU

PLEASE PASS TO SCIENCE ATTACHE

REF:A)BUENOS AIRES 1313, B) BUENOS AIRES 1920

1. HEW IS READY TO DISCUSS MOU WITH ARGENTINES AGAIN. IN RESPONSE TO CURRENT PHS AGENCY INTEREST, WE PROPOSE EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS OF POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF INFECTIONS, IMMUNIZABLE DISEASES, PARASITIC DISEASES SUCH AS CHAGAS AND ECHINOCOCCOSIS, VIROLOGY, MAINLY ARENAVIRUS (ARGENTINE HEMORRHAGIC FEVER), AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH. AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR FOOD AND DRUG MATTERS AND CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE PREPARED FOR EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS ON SPECIFIC AREAS OF INTEREST AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION. THE NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE WOULD PREFER TO CONTINUE THEIR COLLABORATION WITH ARGENTINA THROUGH THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND THAT AREA BE DROPPED FROM THE MOU.

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2. THIS MOU HAS ACTUALLY BEEN PENDING SINCE 1972 AND WAS REVISED IN 1974. EACH TIME IT WAS THE ARGENTINE SIDE THAT THEN BECAME SILENT ON EITHER SIGNING THE DOCUMENT OR DEVELOPMENT OF AREAS. AS A RESULT, IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT IF THE ARGENTINES ARE REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT THIS MOU

THAT THEY DEMONSTRATE IT BY INITIATING WHAT THEY CONSIDER
THE NEXT STEPS.

3. WE WOULD CONSIDER SUCH STEPS TO BE THE PROPOSING AND
SENDING OF A DELEGATION HERE THAT COULD DISCUSS THE DETAILS
AND POSSIBLE BENEFITS OF COLLABORATION IN THE ABOVE
MENTIONED AREAS. EMBASSY'S SUGGESTION OF HEW PRESENCE AT
AUGUST S AND T DISCUSSIONS IN BUENOS AIRES HAS MERIT, BUT
WE DOUBT THAT STATE WOULD BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THE NUMBER
OF INDIVIDUALS IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO SEND TO DISCUSS
AREAS IN SUFFICIENT DEPTH.

4. RE REF B, PARAGRAPH 2, SECTION A, B, E, AND F, HEW IS
CHECKING WITH APPROPRIATE AGENCIES FOR POSSIBLE INTEREST.
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